

AVAILABILITY PAYMENTS FOR CAREER FOSTER PARENTS

Career Foster Parent(s) are eligible for reimbursement for availability payments of \$21.00 a day per child under the specific set of conditions described in the Agreement for the Purchase of Career Foster Parenting Services (MO 886-3086).

This contract states the Division agrees to “pay the Career Foster Parent(s) the sum of \$21.00 a day for assisting children approved for Individualized Care make the transition to and from their home. Transitional services include, but are not limited to, attending staffing, pre-placement visits, and filing reports. Such payment shall be made for a maximum of ninety (90) consecutive days when the Career Foster Parent is not at licensed capacity for children who qualify for Individualized Care. Payment for transitional services will cease when the CFS(s) is at licensed capacity for children approved for Individualized Care or is no longer willing to care for additional children approved for “Individualized Care”.

To qualify for the transitional payment described above, the Career Foster Parent(s) shall:

- a. Actively work with the Selection/Screening Team to identify potential children who would be good matches for their home.
- b. Accept children the team agrees are appropriate matches and who fit general profile for the family.
- c. Utilize the FST or Selection/Screening Team to create the specific transitional plan for the child.
- d. Participate in regular staffing with the FST or Selection/Screening Team to assess progress of the transitional plan and to determine if the proposed placement remains a good plan.

NOTE: Availability payments occur over the 90-day transition period only when the Career Parent(s) are willing to accept children who fit the profile and are considered by the team as appropriate for placement. Any concerns re: A Career parent utilizing the availability payments should be referred to the appropriate Area Director or Designee.

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